

Western State has made cross-country history. It is only the second time in NCAA I, II, III Championships that both a men's and women's team from the same school have taken both titles. Their latest achievement culminates a successful year for all the athletes on the team. All of this was accomplished under the guidance and leadership of their coach Duane Vandenbusche, who for his efforts was awarded Coach of the Year at a conference, regional, and national level.

Mr. Speaker, I am always proud to recognize the accomplishments of those who have dedicated their time and efforts to achieving a difficult goal. The Mountaineers of Western State College have made great sacrifices in their lives and have done a wonderful job representing the College and the State of Colorado. Their championship is well deserved and I look forward to watching their next season with pride and admiration.

#### TRIBUTE TO CELIA HUNTER

#### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great conservationist, Celia Hunter, who died December 1 at the age of 82. We need to acknowledge heroes of the conservation community like Celia so that future generations may see and know what made this country the great nation that it is today, what shaped us as a freedom-loving people, and what made us kind and considerate stewards of the land.

Though she was born and raised in Arlington, Washington, Celia's greatest contributions came in protecting our last frontier, Alaska. Our national parks, our wildlife refuges, and our national forests in Alaska have come to be heirlooms that we may pass on to our children and their children in large part because of Celia Hunter.

Celia was a member of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, flying fighter planes from factories where they were built to airfields and ports for use in World War II. She and lifelong friend Ginny Wood then had the opportunity to fly surplus planes to Alaska. They landed in Fairbanks on January 1, 1947 with temperatures at minus 50 degrees and never looked back.

Celia, Ginny Wood, and Ginny's husband Woody built Denali Camp in 1951 on the edge of then-Mt. McKinley National Park. Their vision for an ecologically friendly, conservation-education, backcountry camp survives today under the management of Wally and Geri Cole, who purchased the tourism accommodation from Celia and Ginny in 1975. In 1960, Celia and Ginny, with a few others in Fairbanks, founded the Alaska Conservation Society, the first statewide conservation organization run entirely by volunteers. The Alaska Conservation Society was the precursor to today's three regional organizations, the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and the Alaska Center for the Environment, as well as the Alaska Conservation Foundation, another

organization Celia helped to establish and on whose board she served for two decades. In the latter part of the 1970s, Celia served as executive director of the Wilderness Society, and in 1991 the Sierra Club awarded Celia its highest achievement award, the John Muir Award.

She also fought, literally until her death, to preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I had the opportunity to visit this beautiful land in July, and while there I witnessed an explosion taking place on the coastal plane of the Arctic—an explosion of life. In fifty years of exploring the back country of America, from Yellowstone to the Appalachian Trail, I have never seen such activity—birds singing, caribou calving, and tundra flowers blooming. It was hard to take a step in the soggy, tussock-filled tundra without scaring up a well-camouflaged ptarmigan, stepping on some happy Mountain Aven blossom, or spying a bunch of caribou heading for their traditional calving grounds. The Arctic Refuge represents the largest intact ecosystem in America, a unique expanse where industrialization has not broken one link in the chain of life.

Celia Hunter was an inspiration to a generation of wilderness enthusiasts and others who wished to make the world a better place. In a 1986 interview she said, "Each one of us has a responsibility to take care of the part of the world we live in." Celia wanted to live in a world where there were wild places, peace and quiet, and compassion for her fellow man and woman. In this vision, she led by example, and she will be sorely missed, but never forgotten by those who worked with her, lived near her, and met her.

#### CONGRATULATING GUAM'S ROTC PROGRAM

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate the University of Guam's (UOG) Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program upon their distinction as the best in the nation for mission accomplishment and quality. UOG's ROTC program, the Triton Warrior Battalion, was recently ranked number one out of 270 programs evaluated nationwide. This is a first for them, an achievement for a program smaller than many of its counterparts. This recognition makes our island very proud and is testament to the hard work of the cadets, cadre, and recruiters of the Triton Warrior Battalion.

Since the founding of UOG's ROTC program in 1979, students have been well trained to become commissioned officers in both the active and reserve components of the U.S. Army. The program has commissioned some of Guam's finest men and women as officers and produced some of the Army's most exceptional leaders. In its 22 years, the program at UOG has commissioned over 240 Second Lieutenants, and this year they are expected to commission 20 more.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command, the supervising headquarters for all ROTC battalions

nationwide, annually assesses ROTC programs. A multitude of criteria is used to determine performance ranking. While enrollment, retention, basic camp attendance, commission and contract accomplishment are all part of the criteria, the most important factors contributing to the evaluation are commission and contract accomplishments.

Commission accomplishment is based on the number of cadets commissioned in the course of a year. This year, UOG's ROTC program received a commission mission of ten, however, they surpassed that number by commissioning 20 officers. Next year, they have been tasked to commission 12 and it is expected that they will again exceed the tasked commission requirement by doubling the number of commissioned officers. In 2003, it is anticipated that the commission accomplishment will exceed the requirements three times over.

UOG's ROTC program's contract accomplishment is the ability of the program to meet its fiscal year missions and goals for contracting cadets into the advanced course for juniors advancing toward senior status. While the contract mission for fiscal year 2002 is 20 cadets, UOG's ROTC program has exceeded expectations and contracted 34 cadets. Presently, UOG's ROTC program has 111 cadets enrolled, however they continue to witness an annual enrollment increase.

During these difficult and trying times, the men and women of the Triton Warrior Battalion are to be commended. Together, they are an excellent example of the leadership, determination and courage needed to safeguard our freedoms and our democracy. My congratulations to all the cadets and instructors of UOG's ROTC program. May they continue to achieve success in the years to come.

#### ON THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, with my colleague NANCY PELOSI, I am pleased to introduce legislation today to strengthen our nation's commitment to preventing teen pregnancy.

The United States has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the western industrialized world. Nearly four in 10 young women become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20—one million a year.

This is a problem that has a devastating impact on California as a whole (which has the second worst teen pregnancy rate in the nation) and Hispanic teenagers in particular, who have the highest rates of teen pregnancy of any ethnic group. The cost to the United States in health care and education alone is at least \$7 billion annually, and the human cost in dreams deferred and children with limited opportunities is immeasurable. Reducing unwanted pregnancies also reduces the number of abortions.

We must act now to build on the success of existing programs that have helped reduce